



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR

December 18, 2019

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a regular meeting on December 18, 2019 at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaiba White called the Board Meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White Chair, David Carroll, Melissa Rothrock, Karen Hadden, Kelly Davis, Karen Magid, Nhat Ho, Alberta Phillips

Board Members Absent:

Katie Coyne Vice-Chair, Fisayo Fadelu, Rob Schneider, Holt Lackey

City Staff in Attendance:

Phoebe Romero, Zach Baumer

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) November 20, 2019 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
Motion to approve (Commissioner Phillips) Second (Commissioner Magid) 8-0 Approved

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- None

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Community Climate Plan Update – Zach Baumer, Office of Sustainability (Discussion and/or possible action) – 30 minutes

- Advisory Group and Steering Committee meetings have started
 - Over 150 participants across these groups along with 10 individual and 3 organizations chosen as Community Climate Ambassadors
 - Completed a series of equity and climate workshops throughout early December
- b) Boards and Commission Processes and Recommendations (Discussion and/or possible action) – 15 minutes
- Recommendations require additional follow-up
 - Council committee makes decision to place things on agenda, so there is opportunity to make agenda requests to council
- c) JSC Recommendations on Land Development Code Revision (Discussion and/or possible action) – 45 minutes
- Three recommendations proposed:
 - Recommendation adopting an equity-impact analysis addressing displacement concerns for low-income, communities of color in the Land Development Code revision
 - Record of the vote: Motion (Commissioner Phillips), Second (Commissioner White). Motion passes 8 approve, 0 opposed.
 - Recommendation adopting tree preservation standards to verify survival of newly planted trees and preserve tree canopy
 - Record of the vote: Motion (Commissioner Ho), Second (Commissioner White). Motion passes 8 approve, 0 opposed.
 - Recommendation adopting a charitable feeding organization permit process to reduce barriers for providing access to healthy food to food insecure populations
 - Commissioners to revisit recommendation at next January meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Working group updates (Discussion and/or possible action) - none
- b. Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions (Discussion and/or possible action) - none

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Food policy land code recommendations
- Urban Forestry presentation
- Debrief from LDC rewrite staff
- Ongoing updates from OOS regarding Community Climate Plan revision
- Equity analysis of Atlas 14
- Green Infrastructure Plan
- Adaptation overview from US Forest Service workshop

Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Hadden), Second (Commissioner Phillips)

Meeting adjourns at 8:15

ADJOURNMENT

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